

HOW DO I START THE PROCESS?

Contact the Sacramento City SELPA at (916) 643-7400 and ask to speak with the SELPA Support Coordinator or SELPA Director.

WHY SHOULD I USE ADR STRATEGIES?

CONFIDENTIAL

All information shared through the ADR process remains confidential unless all parties agree otherwise.

NO COST

ADR options are provided at no cost to the families.

LEGAL PROTECTIONS:

Parties choosing to engage in any ADR process do not give up their rights to Due Process.

FAST

ADR options are initiated within 72 hours of contacting the SELPA

OUTCOME-ORIENTATED

The goal is to establish mutually agreeable solutions resulting in written agreements.

IS LOCAL ADR MANDATORY?

No, local ADR resolution sessions are voluntary and based upon both parties wanting to reach agreement. Parents are free to withdraw from the process at any time.



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SELPA

ABOUT US

The Sacramento City Unified Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) will support an Alternative Dispute Resolution process to help resolve conflicts between schools and families with children in special education. The program serves families of all children in special education within Sacramento City Unified.

The Sacramento City SELPA is committed to helping families and schools solve problems and conflicts in the fastest and easiest way.

As part of this commitment, we are proud to offer the following services:

- Family Engagement Strategies
- Parent and Staff Training
- Parent Support
- Formal Facilitated IEP
- Resolution Session
- Informal Local Mediation

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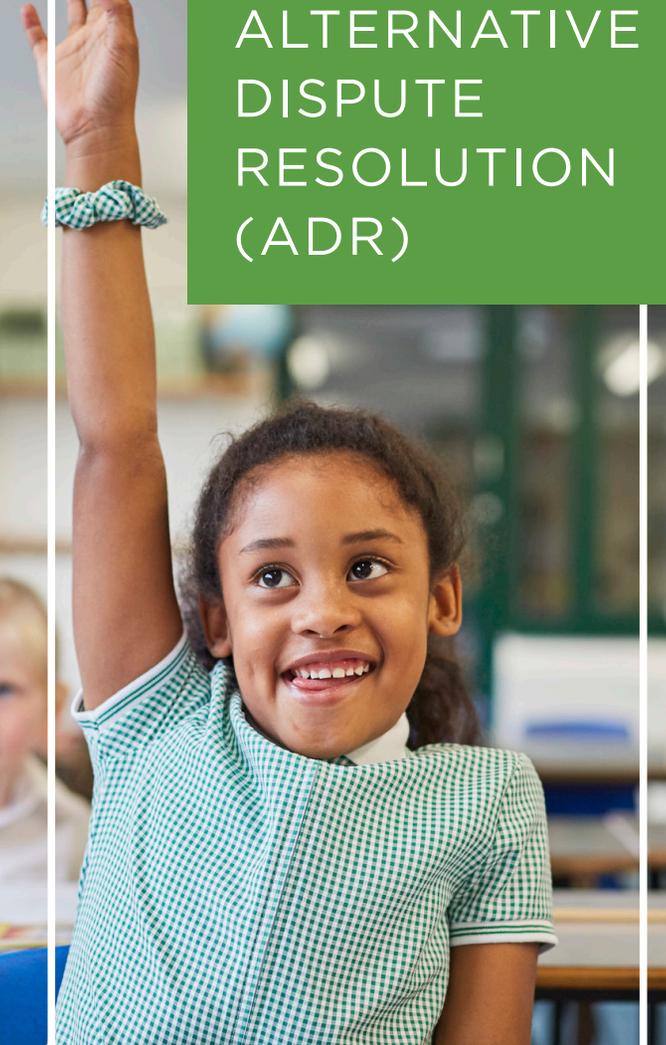
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A photograph of a young girl with dark hair, wearing a green and white checkered shirt, sitting at a desk in a classroom. She has her right hand raised high, smiling. The background shows other students and classroom furniture.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

INFORMAL ALTERNATIVES TO RESOLVE SPECIAL EDUCATION DISPUTES



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



WHAT IS ADR?

ADR is a process for resolving conflicts that respects the dignity of individuals while creating mutually satisfying solutions. ADR uses communication, collaboration, negotiation and mediation to produce an agreement that meets the interests of all parties involved.

ADR STRATEGIES

Family Engagement

Consultative support to school site IEP teams on collaborative family engagement strategies to help support and foster positive communication and active participation in the IEP process.

Parent and Staff Training

Learning opportunities to learn more about special education, the conflicts that may arise, and practical steps to work together for student success.

Parent Support

The Parent Support process may mean answering questions, conferencing with the family, reviewing the IEP and addressing parent concerns or needs. The SELPA Support Coordinator will gather and share information as well as inform and instruct the family on the IEP and what it means and working directly with the school team to examine areas of conflict.

Formal Facilitated IEP

A SELPA Support Staff facilitates the IEP team meeting. The goal of the facilitated IEP is a signed IEP which has been developed collaboratively and with agreement between the District and family.

Resolution Session

Opportunity that allows the parent/guardian to discuss the facts of their concerns and possible resolutions. Resolution sessions provide the

District another opportunity to resolve the conflict at a local level without the utilization of third parties.

Informal Local Mediation

This process involves a mediation session conducted by a trained SELPA or local mediator who will negotiate or resolve the dispute acting as a neutral third party.